

The Chisholm Trail News

SEPTEMBER 1, 2026

MEETINGS, 3RD SATURDAY, JANUARY – NOVEMBER, 9:00 A.M.

DIAMOND OAKS COUNTRY CLUB

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The Blue and White Uniforms of the Revolutionary War

The Blue and White Uniforms of the Revolutionary War:
A Story of Desperation, Diplomacy, and Logistical Failure.

In the summer of 1775, as George Washington took command of the ragtag Continental forces besieging Boston, he faced a motley army clad in civilian homespun, hunting shirts, and whatever scraps of cloth the colonies could muster. There were no standardized uniforms. The British enemy stood out in their iconic red coats, but the Americans lacked the resources, manufacturing base, and reliable supply lines to equip their troops properly. Over the course of the war, the Continental Army would gradually adopt blue coats—often with white waistcoats, breeches, and facings of varying colors by regiment or state—as a deliberate contrast to British scarlet. This choice became iconic, symbolizing the fight for independence, but realizing it was a saga of pleas, foreign aid, blunders, and heartbreaking waste.

Washington's correspondence is filled with desperate pleas. From Cambridge in 1775, he warned Congress and state leaders about the approaching winter: troops lacked clothing, blankets, and proper covering, risking mass desertions or suffering. At Valley Forge in 1777–1778 and other encampments, thousands were unfit for duty—barefoot, naked, or in rags—due to exposure and disease. He repeatedly urged states to supply their own troops and Congress to import or manufacture what was needed, emphasizing shoes, stockings, blankets, and woollens. “The care and attention of the States” was essential, he wrote, but the decentralized system—where states bore primary responsibility—proved chaotic and insufficient.

Domestic production struggled. American women and tailors mended and sewed what they could, often turning linen hunting shirts (praised by Washington for practicality and psychological impact on the enemy) into makeshift uniforms. But wool for proper coats was scarce, dyes limited, and full-scale manufacturing nearly nonexistent. France became a major supplier after the 1778 alliance, sending blue coats that helped standardize the look. Yet shortages persisted throughout the war.

Spain, though not formally allied with the U.S. at first, provided crucial covert and later open aid under King Carlos III. As an enemy of Britain, Spain funneled weapons, gunpowder, money, blankets, shoes—and notably, uniforms and wool cloth in red, white, and blue. Shipments from Spanish ports like Cádiz arrived in American harbors, including thousands of uniforms and bolts

of fabric that American tailors could repurpose. Some accounts note Spanish-style white or blue coats influencing Continental designs, with Spanish infantry uniforms featuring white coats and colored facings. In 1781, Spain even gifted nearly 4,000 captured British red coats; these were often disassembled and dyed (brown or other colors) to avoid confusion with the enemy before distribution.

Diplomatic efforts to secure more aid involved John Jay, appointed as envoy to Spain in 1779. Jay's mission in Madrid sought formal recognition, loans, and supplies, yielding some financial support and material aid channeled through Spanish networks. However, negotiations were fraught; Jay faced delays and limited success in securing a full alliance or broader commitments. One narrative thread in historical discussions highlights a perceived “blunder” tied to Jay's diplomacy: efforts or communications around acquiring or accepting British-style (English) goods or uniforms amid complex alliances, which risked diplomatic friction or practical mismatches given Spain's rivalry with Britain and the Americans' need to differentiate from redcoats. While Jay secured valuable loans and indirect supplies, the episode underscored the challenges of wartime procurement through foreign channels.



The broader supply chain failures were systemic. Reliance on transatlantic shipments exposed cargoes to British interception. State-level procurement created inequities—some regiments better clothed than others. Poor coordination meant goods arrived late, in wrong quantities, or sat unused. Uniforms and cloth frequently languished in warehouses, barns, or distant stockpiles (sometimes hundreds of miles from the troops), rotting from dampness, mold, or neglect while soldiers froze. Blankets and clothing meant for winter campaigns were “drawn from the Lord knows whither” in piecemeal fashion, offering little comfort.

By 1779, Congress standardized blue coats for the infantry, with facings varying by region (e.g., white for New England, red for middle states). Yet reality lagged: many soldiers fought in mixed civilian attire, captured items, or patched remnants until war's end. The blue-and-white ideal emerged not from smooth logistics but from improvisation, foreign generosity (especially French and Spanish), and Washington's unyielding advocacy.

In the end, the Continental soldier's uniform was less a symbol of martial splendor than of resilience amid scarcity. Washington's pleas highlighted the human cost; Spanish (and French) contributions kept the army in the field; Jay's diplomacy opened vital channels despite hurdles; and the rotting warehouses stood as monuments to a supply system strained by revolution. These blue coats, often threadbare, helped forge a nation—not through perfection, but through perseverance.

By Richard Rael

THE "REDCOATS" MISTAKE



Spanish Allied Uniform
In total, Spain delivered 130,000 blue and white uniforms, the typical colors of the Allies



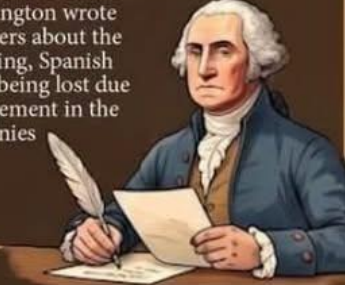
The Diplomatic Blunder by John Jay
In 1780, John Jay used Spanish money to buy 20,000 British uniforms captured in Cádiz, overlooking a critical visual detail: it was the enemy's color!

LOGISTICAL FAILURE AND LACK OF COORDINATION

Lost in Barns and Warehouses
Due to the complete lack of central coordination, thousands of Spanish uniforms ended up rotting in warehouses



"The soldiers are naked"
While Washington wrote desperate letters about the lack of clothing, Spanish supplies were being lost due to mismanagement in the colonies



Uniforms of the Different Continental Army's Regional Regiments



The Fourth SAR 250th Anniversary Commemorative Henry Rifle Is Here!

SAR is excited to announce that the fourth rifle in our series of 250th Anniversary Commemorative Henry Rifles is now available through Bass Pro Shops® and Cabela's®!

This special .22 Long Rifle features an artist rendering of General George Washington's historic crossing of the Delaware on Christmas night, 1776, on one side of the receiver, with the SAR Eagle Logo proudly displayed on the other.

Perfect for collectors and target shooters alike, this commemorative rifle is a unique way to celebrate America's 250th Anniversary and the history that made our nation possible.

Ready to order? Bass Pro Shops recommends ordering through its online catalog or placing an order at your local store. These rifles are not stocked in individual stores and must be ordered.

Be sure to check if you qualify for special veterans', first responder, or club member discounts!



Crafted in partnership with the Sons of the American Revolution® (SAR), the Henry® H4 Golden Boy SAR 250th Anniversary "Washington Crossing the Delaware" Edition Lever-Action Rifle commemorates General Washington's daring crossing of the Delaware River on Christmas night in 1776. The rifle features the Sons of the American Revolution logo engraved on one side of the receiver and on the American walnut stock. The other side features an engraved scene of the famous crossing. Like all Golden Boy Rifles, this special model features an octagonal barrel, brass buttplate, and gleaming Brasslite receiver. Its 6.75-lb. heft gives it the ideal balance and heft for accurate shooting, and the action opens and shuts with effortless smoothness. The adjustable buckhorn-type rear sight provides the authentic targeting of a classic lever-gun. Magazine tube holds 16 rounds of .22 LR ammo.

North Texas Welcomes Texas SAR

Answer the Call to Serve - October 23-25, 2026



A Message from Chapter President Steve Hole

This October, the Major K.M. Van Zandt Chapter joins the Arlington and Denton chapters in welcoming Texas SAR to North Texas for the 2026 Fall Board of Managers Meeting. In the 250th year of American Independence, this is more than a conference assignment. It is an opportunity to demonstrate the fellowship, hospitality, and patriotic service that define our Society.

A successful state meeting is built by Compatriots who are willing to contribute in whatever way fits them best. Some will represent our chapter on site and assist with co-host duties throughout the weekend. Others can help with advance planning, contribute an item to the Silent Auction benefiting the Texas SAR Patriot Fund, or support the raffle that benefits the three co-host chapters. Every contribution advances the SAR mission.

Serve or Help Plan

Volunteer for on-site co-host duties or help the committee complete the planning before October.

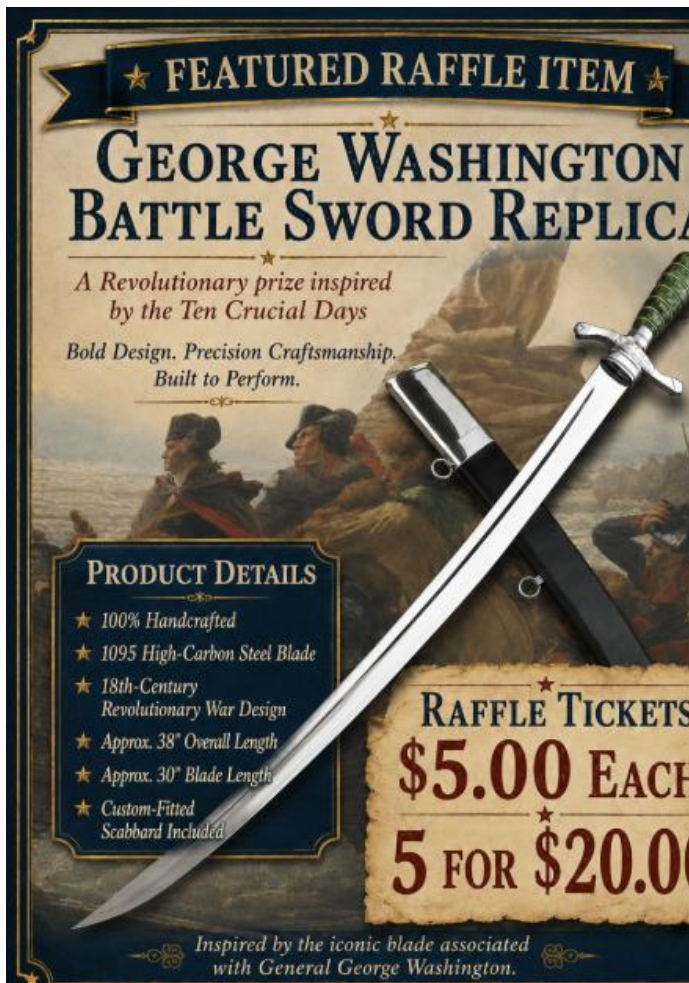
Donate or Support

Donate a Silent Auction item for the Texas SAR Patriot Fund, or purchase raffle tickets for the George Washington battle sword replica.

Let us make this a Fall BOM that Texas SAR will remember - and one that reflects North Texas SAR pride.

Take a Chance on the Big Prize

Support the Major K.M. Van Zandt, Arlington, and Denton co-host chapters



See It in September

President Hole will bring the George Washington battle sword replica to the September 19 chapter meeting. See the prize in person and take your chance to win.

Raffle tickets

\$5 each

Five tickets for \$20

Proceeds from the raffle flow back to benefit the three co-host chapters: Major K.M. Van Zandt, Arlington, and Denton.

Silent Auction

Members and friends may also donate suitable items. Silent Auction proceeds support the Texas SAR Patriot Fund.

Register early

The approved meeting-registration information and mail-in form follow on the next two pages.

However you choose to participate, your support helps North Texas deliver a successful state meeting during America's 250th anniversary year.

Get involved:

- To volunteer to help at the Fall BOM, [click here](#).
- To sign up for Ladies Auxiliary activities, [click here](#).
- To sign up to donate Silent Auction items and support the Patriot Fund, [click here](#).

Texas SAR

2026 FALL BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING

October 23 (Friday) through October 25 (Sunday), 2026

Hilton Garden Inn Dallas/Arlington South

521 East Interstate 20, Arlington, TX 76018 | 817-557-8233

HOTEL RESERVATION

- ✓ Reserve directly with Hilton Garden Inn Dallas/Arlington South **by Friday, October 9, 2026, at 4:00 PM CDT**. The \$149 group rate applies to Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights, subject to availability.
- ✓ Reserve through Hilton online ([click here](#)) or call 817-557-8233. Use SAR group code **TXSAR** to obtain the group rate and keep your confirmation number. Complimentary self-parking is available.
- ✓ Cancel hotel reservations directly with the hotel—not Texas SAR—at least 24 hours before scheduled check-in. Confirm the cancellation terms shown on your reservation confirmation.
- ✓ For hotel-reservation issues, contact **Dennis Brunson at 979-324-8552** or dpbrunson@gmail.com. For registration assistance, contact **Steven Hole at 805-844-1524** or steve.hole@earthlink.net.

MEETING REGISTRATION

- ✓ Complete the form on page 2. **Please identify dietary or disability-related requirements and provide details. We will make every reasonable effort to accommodate your needs.**
- ✓ The Registration Fee for the 2026 Fall Board of Managers Meeting is \$65 per Compatriot. The cutoff date for regular registration is midnight October 9, 2026. The fee for late registration at the door is \$75. Meals cannot be guaranteed for late registrations.
- ✓ **Welcome Reception:** Friday, 5:00 PM–6:30 PM; no cost for registered SAR members and registered guests; cash bar. Friday dinner is “On Your Own” at a nearby restaurant.
- ✓ **Saturday luncheon (\$40):** Build Your Own Burger / Grilled Chicken Buffet with Angus beef burger or grilled chicken sandwich, bacon, assorted cheeses, fresh toppings and condiments, baked beans, seasoned fries, tea and water.
- ✓ **Saturday banquet (\$70):** Choose Grilled Chicken Marsala, Garlic Herb Crusted Pork Loin, or a special-diet meal. Dinner includes salad, warm rolls, tea and water. New York Style Cheesecake and Key Lime Pie will be preset at each table in an approximately 50/50 mix; individual dessert selections cannot be guaranteed.
- ✓ **Raffle:** Handmade George Washington sword replica with scabbard, hand-forged 1095 high-carbon steel and an 18th-century-inspired hilt. Tickets are \$5 each or five for \$20.
- ✓ **Cancellations and refunds:** Cancel meeting registration or meals by October 14, 2026. After that date, fees are nonrefundable.
- ✓ **Registration and payment:** Register and pay online at TexasSAR.org using PayPal or a credit card. To register by mail, send page 2 and a check payable to **Texas Society SAR** to Don Hayes, 11 Winhall Place, The Woodlands, TX 77354. Mailed registrations must be received by October 9.

DRESS / ATTIRE

- ✓ **General Session/BOM:** Business Casual or Jacket and Tie. **Luncheon:** Business Casual or Jacket and Tie. **Dinner Banquet:** Jacket and Tie (Black Tie Optional); Ladies—nice business attire or dress. Colonial attire is fine for all functions.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- ✓ Those willing to assist in the successful execution of the event can sign up to volunteer by [clicking here](#) or contact **Steven Hole, steve.hole@earthlink.net** or **Ron Turner, rjturner0815@gmail.com**.

LADIES AUXILIARY

- ✓ Those Ladies wanting to participate in the Ladies Auxiliary Events and/or volunteer to help during BOM can sign up by [clicking here](#).

Complete and return page 2 for mail registration. Online registration is preferred.

Texas SAR 2026 Fall BOM Registration
October 23–25, 2026 | Hilton Garden Inn Dallas/Arlington South

Name:	Spouse / Guest(s):
Address:	Contact Phone:
City / State / ZIP:	Email:
SAR No. / Chapter:	State SAR Office or Title Held:
Date of Arrival:	Hotel Reservation Made? Yes ☐ No ☐
Dietary, disability-related, or other accommodation requirements:	

FUNCTION OR EVENT	NUMBER ATTENDING	COST / PERSON	TOTAL COST
Compatriot Registration Fee		\$65	
Saturday Luncheon—Build Your Own Burger / Grilled Chicken Buffet: Angus beef burger or grilled chicken sandwich with bacon, sliced cheeses, lettuce, tomato, red onion, jalapeños, pickles and condiments; baked beans, seasoned fries, unsweetened tea and water.		\$40	
Saturday Dinner—Grilled Chicken Marsala: Grilled chicken breast with mushroom Marsala sauce, roasted red potatoes and steamed vegetable medley. Includes Caesar or garden salad, warm rolls with butter, unsweetened tea, water and dessert*.		\$70	
Saturday Dinner—Garlic Herb Crusted Pork Loin: Slow-roasted pork tenderloin with creamy garlic sauce, rice pilaf and grilled asparagus. Includes Caesar or garden salad, warm rolls with butter, unsweetened tea, water and dessert*.		\$70	
Saturday Dinner—Special-Diet Meal: Hotel-selected accommodation meal based on the dietary requirements provided above, with compatible salad, accompaniments and beverages, plus dessert when appropriate*.		\$70	
Raffle Tickets—Handmade George Washington sword replica with scabbard; hand-forged 1095 high-carbon steel and an 18th-century-inspired hilt.	Single 5-pack	\$5 each 5 for \$20	
* Dessert distribution: Cheesecake and Key Lime Pie will be preset approximately 50/50 at each table. Individual dessert choices are not guaranteed.			
Guest name(s) and meal selection(s):			
Enter the number attending for each applicable item.		CHECK TOTAL:	

Make check payable to Texas Society SAR. Mail this completed page and payment to Don Hayes at the address on page 1.

Silent Auction Items Needed for BOM

Items for the Silent Auction are needed for the BOM Meeting. Books (history / etc.), sports memorabilia, and other collectible items are typically there. The target purchasers are men so history books, Revolutionary War era books, sports theme books, autographed sports paraphernalia would be the items to be in the room. In addition to the above, items might include collectibles such as coins, games, wine, and SAR apparel.

Please contact [Ronnie Rencher](#), President, Denton Chapter, or [Mike Connelley](#), if you have an item to donate.

Color Guard Requirements

Bill Sekel, Texas SAR Color Guard Commander, issued a reminder that all Color Guardsmen must be compliant with SAR's [Safety and Youth Protection Training](#). It is required for all Color Guard members, given the frequent proximity to children at events. The training takes approximately 20 minutes and is valid for three years. Completed training must be sent to [Compatriot Jack Bredenfoerder](#) as directed on the SAR University webpage. If you completed the training more than three years ago, you must complete the training again.

Firelocks, aka muskets, must be inspected prior to each use at an event. If a firelock is discharged, it must be inspected afterward and swabbed before being handled by a civilian. Remember, you must have a 150-foot clearance in the direction of fire. Site Commanders, if you are uncomfortable with the space available for firing, do not fire. No event is worth compromising safety.

On the National Website there are several training modules for the Color Guard. Escort and Flag Duty, Fire Drill, Safety Inspection and Sword Drill. I highly recommend you look at them. They can be found at National SAR Website> [Members> Committees> Color Guard Committee](#).

We are deep into the 250th Anniversary Year and a mid-term Election Year. As a reminder, the Sons of the American Revolution is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. tax code. As such, our organization is prohibited from endorsing or opposing political candidates for public office.

Among the most common situations where an issue might occur are invitations for a SAR Color Guard to post colors or otherwise make an appearance at a political function, meeting or rally of a party or candidate. As this, along with wearing SAR medals, name tags or other SAR identification, would give the appearance of SAR partisanship toward that party or candidate, it must be avoided to preserve the SAR's tax-exempt nonprofit status (see also Texas SAR Bylaws Art. XVII(A), Sec. 5).

An individual SAR member, however, has the freedom to use his colonial attire, uniform, or equipment as he sees fit, if he is not identified, thanked, or recognized from the podium or in a program, as a member of the SAR at such partisan events.

Special Opportunity

★ for ★ C.A.R. Members

Application Fees and National Annual Dues Waived

The Sons of the American Revolution
is pleased to announce a special
membership opportunity approved
by the 2026 SAR Congress.



From August 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027,
eligible male members of the Children of the
American Revolution may join the National
Society Sons of the American Revolution
with both the application fee and
national annual dues waived.



★ Who Qualifies? ★

- ★ Approved male member of the
Children of the American Revolution
- ★ In good standing with the C.A.R.
at the time of submission
- ★ Age birth through 22
- ★ Application submitted between
August 1, 2026 and June 30, 2027

★ Continue the Legacy ★



This program offers an
outstanding opportunity
for young men in C.A.R.
to continue their patriotic
service and family heritage
through membership
in the SAR.

★ Interested applicants should contact their local SAR chapter
or state society for details. ★

Announced by the SAR Registrar General

August Chapter Meeting

The August Chapter Meeting had 14 members in attendance, 7 prospective members, and 3 guests.



Chapter Meeting



President Steve Hole recognizes the prospective members.

Vice President Jeff Sparks gave a presentation on “The Battle of Long Island and the Maryland 400.” The presentation detailed The Maryland 400’s great courage and sacrifice preventing the capture and defeat of General Washington’s fledgling Continental Army.



President Hole presented Vice President Jeff Sparks with the National 250th Anniversary Gold Award as well as the State 250th Anniversary Silver Award.



President Steve Hole presented the SAR Eagle Scout Award to Grant Burnette. Grant's parents, Alex and Carly Burnette, accompanied him to the meeting. Grant was the Chapter SAR Arthur M. Berdena King Eagle Scout Contest winner. Grant joined the Boy Scouts in May 2022 and achieved his Eagle Scout ranking in August 2024. His contest winning essay was on his actual patriot ancestor Micajah Brooks and was titled "Witness to Victory – Micajah Brooks".



Eagle Scout Grant Burnette read his essay to the membership.



Eagle Scout Grant Burnette

SAR Life Saving Awards

On Tuesday, August 25th, President Steve Hole and Vice President Jeff Sparks presented SAR Life Saving Medals and Certificates to Lieutenant Bryan Phillips and Firefighter Nick Baugh at Haltom City Fire Station #1.

Lieutenant Bryan Phillips - While off duty and having breakfast with his family at Bluebonnet Café, Lieutenant Bryan Phillips noticed an elderly man at a nearby table beginning to choke. Lieutenant Phillips responded immediately, performing life-saving intervention and successfully clearing the man's airway. Phillips remained close by to make sure the gentleman remained stable. Lieutenant Phillips briefed responders upon their arrival on what had happened, noting the man had gone without airflow for roughly 30 to 45 seconds. Afterward, in keeping with his modest character, he simply returned to breakfast with his family as though nothing significant had occurred. Although off duty and not anticipating an emergency, Lieutenant Phillips showed the kind of dedication and professionalism the Haltom City Fire Department is built on, acting without hesitation to save a citizen's life.



Firefighter Nick Baugh - Tarrant County Sheriff Bill Waybourn awarded Firefighter Nick Baugh a Letter of Commendation for the quick, professional response he gave in treating Deputy Todd Tipton, who sustained a gunshot wound while serving a warrant. Deputy Todd Tipton was wounded by gunfire as he and other deputies attempted to serve felony warrants at a home in Fort Worth. The suspect, who was wanted for crimes against children, opened fire on Deputy Tipton and other officers as they breached the front

door. In the ensuing gunfire, Deputy Tipton was shot three times. Firefighter Nick Baugh's actions were credited with helping to save the life of Deputy Tipton.

South Central District Annual Meeting

Representatives from the five states that make up the South Central District (SCD) met at the Hilton Dallas-Richardson hotel on Friday, August 21, and Saturday, August 22. The delegates were from Missouri, Oklahoma, Kansas, Arkansas, and Texas. The district meets annually to report on their respective society activities

The highlight on Friday was a 9:00 am escorted tour departing from the hotel to the Medal of Honor Museum in Arlington, a box lunch, and a tour of the Museum. The tour was followed by a training class on grave cleaning/restoration. All attendees were given a bottle of D2, the preferred cleaning solution for gravestones.

At 4:00 pm, the Color Guard raised the SAR Flag on the hotel flagpoles.



Registrar Ron Turner (red waist coat) carried one of the four muskets.

The Color Guard, commanded by SCD Color Guard Commander Blair Rudy posed with the flag before it was raised. Members of the Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter Color Guard that attended on Friday included Registrar Ron Turner, Compatriot Doug Schwetke, and President Steve Hole.



At 4:30 pm, the SCD conducted a SAR Officer Candidate Forum. This session offered candidates running for general officer positions the opportunity to introduce themselves and to provide information on what their goals are should they be elected to general officer positions as 2027 Congress in New Orleans.

The evening concluded with a BBQ Buffet provided by the Hilton Hotel culinary staff. The Color Guard posted the colors prior to dinner. Following dinner, everyone was entertained by Dr. Richard B. “Rick” McCaslin, a distinguished historian, author, educator, and the fifth Texas State Historian, appointed by Governor Greg Abbot in December 2025. Mr. McCaslin is a Fellow of the Texas State Historical Association and formerly served as Professor of Texas History at the University of North Texas.

He is the author of 22 books and among his most notable works is *Lee in the Shadow of Washington*, a study of Confederate General Robert E. Lee and his place in the broader American historical tradition. Dr. McCaslin’s very interesting talk centered around the familial relationships between the Lees and the Washingtons. In addition, a description of the book reads as follows:

While most scholars agree that Robert E. Lee’s loyalty to Virginia was the key factor in his decision to join the Confederate cause, Richard McCaslin goes further to demonstrate that Lee’s true call to action was the legacy of the American Revolution viewed through his reverence for George Washington. Like Washington, Lee wore a colonel’s uniform. He rode a horse named for one of his idol’s mounts, Traveller, and carried one of Washington’s swords. On January 19, 1861, his fifty-fourth birthday, Lee sat alone in his room at Fort Mason and faced the prospect of war by reading the latest book by his hero.

In his thematic biography of the commander of the Army of Northern Virginia, McCaslin locates the sources of Lee’s devotion to Washington and shows how this bond affected his performance as a general in battle. He argues that Lee used the strategy of attrition to attempt to persuade the North to quit just as Washington had wearied the British. But reliance on Washington as a role model led to tragic irony: in 1864 it was Lee’s Confederates who became trapped like the British in the Yorktown campaign. After his surrender Lee could no longer emulate Washington the revolutionary, and he became the president of a small college that bore Washington’s name, surrounding himself with mementos of his hero.

At the conclusion of dinner, the meeting was adjourned until Saturday morning.

The general business session began at 8:30 am on Saturday. Following the pledges, the President of each member Society provided a report on the activities of their respective Society. The major business was to conduct an endorsement vote of the general officer candidates.

Darrell Over, President of the Arkansas Society, announced that the 2027 SCD Annual Meeting will be held on August 20 and 21, 2027, in Bentonville, Arkansas. Details should be posted at <http://www.texassar.org/scd>.



President Steve Hole won the George Washington table decoration.



President Steve Hole and Compatriot Doug Schwetke talked to Historian General Jeff Thomas.

Meetings such as the SCD meeting provide a perfect setting for friends to reacquaint themselves, as well as develop new friendships. Here, Registrar Ron Turner visits with a longtime friend, former Texas SAR Color Guard Commander Gary Barker.



The SCD delegates conduct business on Saturday morning.



President General candidate Brooks Lyles addresses the SCD delegates.

The Color Guard prepares to retrieve the Colors at the conclusion of the annual meeting.



Registrar Ron Turner consults with SCD Color Guard Commander Blair Rudy on the logistics of the retrieval of the Colors on Saturday morning.

Joe Wade Produces Tricenium Art

Compatriot Joe Wade and his grandson, Jake Behringer, are developing skills for working with Tricenium Art.

What is Tricenium Art? It was introduced in the 1850's by Currier and Ives. Tricenium is made using three prints, two of which are cut into strips and glued to glass panels. These double-sided strips are then placed on their sides and spaced a couple inches apart above the third print. If you look at the print straight on, the strips do not block your view of the print at the back, but when viewed at different angles you see one of the other two prints. Not easy to photograph.



The Liberty Bell viewed looking straight on.



View of George Washington from a left angle.



View of Benjamin Franklin from a right angle.

Texas SAR New Young Member College Scholarship Program

The Texas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) will be launching a creative higher ed scholarship program this year.

Our chapters all have young members who are of college age (17-24) who are seeking or planning to seek post-secondary education degrees or certificates. As we all know, these members and their families could all use additional resources to help pay for school. Here are the details.



- Applicants must be a member of NSSAR and affiliated with one of the Texas Society's chapters.
- Applicants will apply to Texas SAR.
- Applicants' National Society SAR number will be put into a hopper.
- Winning names will be drawn from that hopper.
- The scholarship amount for this first year will be \$2,500.
- The number of scholarships awarded is based on the amount of money raised for this scholarship.
- Eligible higher education institutions are 4-year universities or colleges, community colleges, technical colleges, and schools.
- Institutions can be in state or out of state institutions.
- Applying students must show proof of enrollment in an eligible school to receive the scholarship.

The State Registrar will be sending out the list of qualifying members to your respective chapters. Please contact these young members and get them prepared to apply. Hopefully this scholarship program will prompt them to become more active in our chapters.

I hope you all will get on board with this effort. Coming off the America 250th activities is a good time to spread the word and increase the enthusiasm for our chapter's missions.

Best regards,

Dustin Whittenburg
pres@texassar.org

NSSAR Announces IT Fundraising Campaign

The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (NSSAR) has announced a major fundraising effort to modernize its information technology (IT) systems.

The President General has established a fundraising goal of \$3 million to support IT upgrades including records digitization, payments software, national dues billing, paperless applications, and related database upgrades.



The Records Digitization Project is needed to preserve the extensive collection of genealogical records maintained at our National Headquarters. We have reached a critical point as the Society's physical archival storage vault is at capacity at more than three and a half million pages.

Copies of supporting documents can be purchased from the Society; however, locating, reproducing, and delivering paper records is a time-consuming and inefficient process. The Records Digitization Project will help preserve these historically significant materials and prepare us for making these records easier to retrieve and provide to members and researchers.

Standards for scanning, digitization, preservation, and indexing are currently being developed to ensure the records are processed accurately and remain accessible for future generations. The Request for Proposal (RFP) for the digitization project will be released to vendors in August 2026.

The Records Digitization Project is an important initial component for the Paperless Application Process currently under development. The paperless application process will propel us into the future, decrease the mailing expenses for chapters and state societies, help decrease pending applications for missing signatures and incorrect payments, and help decrease genealogy processing time.

The development of a comprehensive payment strategy for NSSAR to enable a Point of Sale (POS) systems for the museum, continue the NSSAR store, as well as the development of the online payment platform would also provide the ability to collect application fees, dues, reinstatements, sale of digital records, etc., with the potential to disperse money not just to the National Society; but also enrolled State Societies and their Chapters.

All financial transactions will flow directly into the new accounting system, making our finance department more efficient. This new system will be required for the national dues billing, paperless application software, and all other revenue streams. The national dues billing system will begin by only collecting national, state, and chapter dues. This will help decrease our drops and increase our overall membership.

There are many other projects needed to modernize our IT systems and processes and these all require funding. We encourage our members, state societies, chapters, genealogists, historians, and supporters of historic preservation to contribute to this important undertaking.

Contributions may be made through the SAR website. Donors should visit **SAR.org**, click the blue **Donate** button, and select **IT Special Purpose Fund** from the drop-down menu. Join the SAR now in support of this important project to make our processes more efficient.



Join Us in New Orleans for the 2027 SAR Congress!

The Southern District Congress Committee is excited to invite members of the **National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution** to beautiful **New Orleans, Louisiana**, for the **2027 SAR Annual Congress**, taking place **July 9–15, 2027**.

Whether you're riding the historic **St. Charles streetcars**, enjoying world-famous **Cajun cuisine**, listening to legendary **jazz music**, cruising the **Mississippi River**, savoring fresh **beignets**, exploring renowned museums, or participating in the business of the Society, New Orleans offers an unforgettable experience for every attendee.

Learn More

An informational article about the 2027 Congress is below. You can also begin planning your trip by visiting the official Congress website.

[Download the Informational Article](#)

Chapter Registrar's Report

Updated 01 September 2026

Compatriot	Patriot	Type	Action
2026 Approvals			
Steven J. Hole	Thomas Bishop	Supplemental	06 Feb 2026
Clarence B. Kloppe III	Robert Lemon	NEW Regular	10 Apr 2026
Kyle T. Kloppe	Robert Lemon	NEW Regular	10 Apr 2026
Ian R. Billington	John Bradley	NEW Regular	08 May 2026
Robert S. Morris	William Morris	NEW Regular	08 May 2026
Kenneth K. Brimer, Jr.	John King	Supplemental	15 May 2026
Kenneth K. Brimer, Jr.	Thomas Connelley	Supplemental	15 May 2026
Kenneth K. Brimer, Jr.	John Childress	Supplemental	15 May 2026
Kenneth K. Brimer, Jr.	Benjamin Brimer	Supplemental	04 Jul 2026
Kenneth K. Brimer, Jr.	John Roe	Supplemental	28 Aug 2026
Pending Review and Approval by Staff Genealogist (National)			
T. Matthew Kennedy	William Johnson	NEW Regular	Received 27 Jul 2026
Gavin W. Kennedy	William Johnson	NEW Regular	Received 27 Jul 2026
Logan R. Kennedy	William Johnson	NEW Regular	Received 27 Jul 2026
Monte D. Fite	Peter Fite, Sr.	NEW Regular	Received 27 Jul 2026
Colin M. Fite	Peter Fite, Sr.	NEW Regular	Received 27 Jul 2026
Gavin J. Fite	Peter Fite, Sr.	NEW Regular	Received 27 Jul 2026
Bradford L. Shaw	Timothy Meeker, Sr.	NEW Regular	Received 27 Jul 2026
Steven Y. Christensen	Uriah Carpenter	NEW Regular	Received 27 Jul 2026
Ricky C. Wylly	John Sevier	NEW Regular	Received 27 Jul 2026
Steven J. Hole	Winifred Wiggins	Supplemental	Pended 03 Sep 2025
Steven J. Hole	John Eddy	Supplemental	Received 28 Jan 2026
Steven J. Hole	Joseph Eddy	Supplemental	Received 28 Jan 2026
Kenneth K. Brimer, Jr.	John Holcomb	Supplemental	Received 03 Apr 2026
Kenneth K. Brimer, Jr.	William Armstrong	Supplemental	Received 27 Jul 2026
T. Jeffery Kennedy	John Tillman	Supplemental	Received 27 Jul 2026
Clarence B. Kloppe IV	James Lemon	NEW Regular	Received 03 Aug 2026
James L. Avery	Nicholas Day	NEW Regular	Received 03 Aug 2026
Dean G. Chesney	Turner Christian	NEW Regular	Received 03 Aug 2026
Robert A. Jacobs	Benjamin Stanley	Supplemental	Received 03 Aug 2026
John G. Wissinger	John Faust	NEW Regular	Received 03 Aug 2026
Kenneth K. Brimer, Jr.	John Childers/Childress	Supplemental	Received 03 Aug 2026
Robert D. Templeton	Joseph Dixon	NEW Regular	Received 11 Aug 2026
Jacob A. Wilson	Elisha Clayton	Supplemental	Received 11 Aug 2026
Daniel D. Mesch	Samuel Dean	NEW Junior	Received
Andrew F. Mesch	Samuel Dean	NEW Junior	Received
William M. Ray	Asa Douglas Sr	NEW Regular	Received

Pending Review by Inland Registrar (State)

Compatriot	Patriot	Type	Action
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Completed and Awaiting Applicant Signature

Azariah A. Goldstein	Valentine Keyser	NEW Regular	
Charles A. Richard	Pierre Richard	NEW Regular	
Robert L. Melton III	Lettice White Melton	NEW Regular	

In Work

Judson D. Clark	David Verner/Varner	NEW Regular	
Jimmy K. Jackson	Stephen Jackson	NEW Regular	
Stephen J. Soss	William Powell	NEW Regular	
Andrew T. Bush	Abraham Cooper	NEW Regular	
Dusty C. Traylor	William Traylor Sr.	NEW Regular	
Robert D. Gurney	Asa Gurney	NEW Regular	
Thomas W. Leake	Josiah Leake	NEW Regular	
Kelly E. Seis	John Dunagan	NEW Regular	
David R. Perkins	David Cook	NEW Regular	
Jacob A. Wilson	Peter Bartrug	Supplemental	
Jacob A. Wilson	Levin Okey	Supplemental	
Jacob A. Wilson	Ludwick Minsker	Supplemental	
Jacob A. Wilson	James Jack	Supplemental	
Jacob A. Wilson	Joseph Jackson	Supplemental	
Jacob A. Wilson	Benjamin Strickler	Supplemental	
Jacob A. Wilson	Frederick Ice	Supplemental	
Colton L. Williams	Ann Hurst Floyd	Supplemental	
Nathaniel D. Williams	Ann Hurst Floyd	Supplemental	
Samuel C. Williams	Ann Hurst Floyd	Supplemental	
Colton L. Williams	John Hurst	Supplemental	
Nathaniel D. Williams	John Hurst	Supplemental	
Samuel C. Williams	John Hurst	Supplemental	

Pended Application by National Genealogist

G. Thomas Bransford	William Bransford	NEW	Pended 22 Jan 2024
Kenneth K. Brimer, Jr.	James Wooten	Supplemental	Pended 12 Nov 2024
Kenneth K. Brimer, Jr.	Robert R. Coleman	Supplemental	Pended 28 Aug 2026

As of August 31st, the Registrar has received a total of 50 inquiries for membership in 2026.

From the Patriot Research System (PRS) Report:

Date of oldest New Application awaiting approval: 06 Jul 2026 (8 weeks)

Date of oldest Supplemental awaiting approval: 05 Feb 2026 (29 weeks)

Sep 2	Charles L. Fogerson
Sep 11	Charles B. Cheatham
Sep 12	Matthew L. Achorn
Sep 13	Scott A. Davis
	Mark D. Parkison
Sep 15	Scott G. Stoddard
	Warren C. Russell
Sep 21	L. Michael Connelley
	James L. Stanley
Sep 25	Steven J. Hole
Sep 28	Jonathan G. Gift
	William A. Ulrich
	Allen R. Reich
Sep 29	Arthur M. Thomas III
Sep 30	Gerald A. Gieger



2026 Calendar of Events

September 19 Chapter Meeting, 9:00 am, Diamond Oaks Country Club, Fort Worth
 October 1-3 NSSAR Fall Leadership Meeting, Galt House Hotel, Louisville, KY
 October 17 Chapter Meeting, 9:00 am, Diamond Oaks Country Club, Fort Worth
 October 18 NHRA Fall 2026 Nationals, 12:00 pm, Ennis (CG-C)
 October 23-25 Texas SAR Fall BOM, North Texas, (CG-S)
 November 6-7 TxSGS Family History Conference, The Riley Center, Fort Worth
 November 9 MOWW Massing of the Colors, 2:00 pm Trimble Tech HS, Fort Worth (CG-N)
 November 11 Tarrant County Veterans Day Parade, Fort Worth, (CG-N)
 November 21 Chapter Meeting, 9:00 am, Diamond Oaks Country Club, Fort Worth
 December 19 Wreaths Across America, 11:00 am, Oakwood Cemetery, Fort Worth (CG-N)

Spring 2027 Texas SAR Annual Convention – Conroe Hyatt Regency

July 9-15, 2027 137th SAR Congress, New Orleans

(CG) = Color Guard event, (C) = Chapter, (S) = State, (N) = National

Compatriot Society Anniversaries

Thank you for your continued service to our Society and your dedication to promoting patriotism, preserving American history, and promoting education to future generations

Sep 23	44 yrs	Jerry D. Minton
Sep 4	28yrs	Matthew M. Truitt
Sep 29	20 yrs	Thomas P. Wilkinson
Sep 11	13 yrs	J. Vann Cunningham
Sep 11	13 yrs	Zachary V. Cunningham
Sep 5	1 yr	Bobby Q. Lanier
Sep 12	1 yr	Steven S. Fuller, Sr.
Sep 12	1 yr	Austin S. Fuller
Sep 12	1 yr	Steven S. Fuller, Jr.

Congratulations

New Lead Generation Tool

The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution has announced the released the New Lead Generation Tool. It replaces the paper-driven current process with is labor-intensive. The tool is a fast and easy to use survey accessed right from your smart phone or tablet. The tool is accessed through a QR code which can be activated from a business card, table tent, event flyer, social media, etc. It provides near real time email notification to all parties. It provides a dynamically built Lead Tracking List created for follow-up and for reporting. It's flexible and suitable for a National, State, Chapter or any event.



On the left is a sample business card containing the QR Code.

On the right is the first screen of the New Lead Generation Tool.

Purchase your Chapter Name Badge with the SAR logo from our local vendor.

SAR Shop



Sons of the American Revolution 2025

You can now purchase your items online in 3 easy steps:

1. Scan the QR code or go online to <https://sarnamebadge.itemorder.com/>
2. Choose your items and add them to your cart
3. Securely checkout with your credit card



Registrar Ron Turner will pick up all purchases and deliver them to you at a chapter meeting.

The American's Creed

I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people, whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed, a democracy in a republic, a sovereign Nation of many sovereign States, a perfect union, one and inseparable, established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice, and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes.

William Tyler Page, 1917, accepted by the U.S. House of Representatives on April 3, 1918.



General Information

The Sons of the American Revolution is the leading male lineage society that perpetuates the ideals of the War for Independence.

As an historical, educational, and patriotic non-partisan, non-profit corporation organized under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, we seek to maintain and expand the meaning of patriotism, respect for our national symbols, the value of American citizenship, and the unifying force of “e pluribus unum” that was created from the people of many nations—one nation and one people.

The Chisholm Trail News is published for members and friends of the Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter #6, Texas SAR.

Member Contact Information Change

[Please complete and submit this form](#) to report changes to your contact information. When submitted, this information is sent to the Texas SAR Secretary and to the National Office in Louisville.

Important Links

Visit and bookmark our chapter website at <http://www.texassar.org/KMVanZandt/index.htm>.

Join our Facebook Group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/292616193535075/>

Visit and Like/Follow our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/vanzandtsar/>.

Join our Google Group for emails at <https://groups.google.com/forum/?hl=en#!forum/sar-km-van-zandt>.

Visit and Like/Follow the Texas Society Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/txssar>.

Chapter Officers

2026 & 2027

President	Steven J. HOLE
Vice-President	Jeffrey W. SPARKS
Secretary	E. Bruce MORGAN
Treasurer	Gregory A. RIFFEL
Acting Registrar	Ronald J. TURNER
Assistant Registrars	Arthur G. MUNFORD
Chaplain	Ralph E. SMITH
Sergeant-at-Arms	Steven J. HOLE
Color Guard Commander	(vacant)

The SAR Mission Statement

The Sons of the American Revolution honors our Revolutionary War patriot ancestors by promoting patriotism, serving our communities, and educating and inspiring future generations about the founding principles of our country.

Chaplain Smith Available for Pastoral Care

Chapter Chaplain Ralph Smith wants to encourage compatriots to contact him with any concerns for which they would like prayer.

Chaplain Smith writes, "Doesn't matter if the issue is personal or for any family member. I'm available by text or call, 817-808-1420. Texts are better when [you] are not in my contacts. Or by email at rsmithj74@gmail.com.

I'll be happy to pray for and/or with [you]. If [you] would like a personal visit, I will do my best to comply. I want to be more connected and available to serve [you] personally and confidentially."

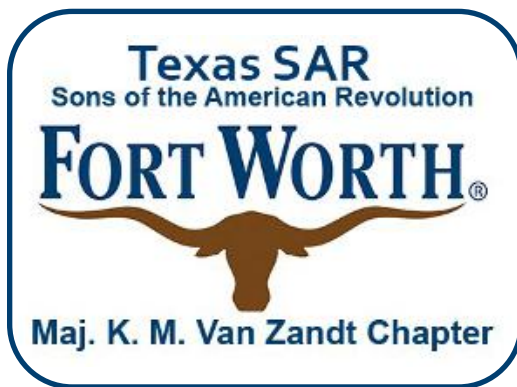
Next Chapter Meeting - September 19th

Membership Status

Our chapter membership levels as of August 31, 2026, are:

Active / Current Member	92
NSSAR Life	11
TXSSAR Perpetual.....	10
Active/New Member	4
Active/Reinstated (current yr)	22
Active/Reinstated (Over 1 yr)	0
Deceased (current yr)	2
Dual w/Other Primary State	2
Emeritus (50+ years)	0
Junior SAR Member.....	2
Junior Member/Reinstated	0
Not Paid (Current Year).....	14
Not-Paid Junior Member	0
Not Paid Dual State	1
Reinstated/Transferred In	0
Transferred In	0
Transferred Out (Current Year)	0
Dual Members (other chapters).....	2

Our active membership currently is 122.



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